

**Amendments to the Specification:**

After the title please insert the following:

**-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

The present application is related to and claims priority of the PCT application number PCT/EP2004/050447 entitled "Portable Container for Extinguishing and Provisionally Storing Cigarette Butts", filed April 5, 2004, the disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference, which in turn claims priority of the European patent application number 03100994.7 filed April 11, 2003.—

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] The invention concerns a portable container for the extinguishing and for the temporary storage of cigarette stubs ~~of the type named in the preamble of claim 1.~~

Please delete paragraph [0002].

Before paragraph [0003] please insert the following sub-title:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Please delete paragraph [0009].

Before paragraph [0010] please replace the sub-title “DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION”  
with:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please amend paragraphs [0011-0015] as follows:

[0011] In the following, embodiments of the invention are explained in more detail based on the drawing. ~~It is shown in:~~

[0012] Fig. 1 shows an exploded view of a container in accordance with the invention for the extinguishing of burning cigarette stubs and the temporary storage of the extinguished cigarette stubs,

[0013] Fig. 2 shows an explode view of the container broken down into its individual parts,

[0014] Fig. 3 shows the container in assembled form with a small modification as opposed to the example according to Fig. 2,

[0015] Figs. 4 - 6 show a process as to how a cigarette stub is transported within the container.